

September 11, 2002—exactly one year after the despicable act of terror. I am proud to acknowledge that the Phoenix Project is running 6 weeks ahead of schedule.

The dedication of the government employees and independent contractors once again shows the resolve that this nation has always shown in times of adversity. In fact, initially the workers toiled around the clock to continue this extraordinary effort. They have even put up a digital clock at the site, counting down the days to September 11, 2002, to remind them of the victims who perished, with the intentions of finishing the reconstruction on September 11, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, after the terrorist attacks on September 11 on the Pentagon, 400,000 square feet of demolition work had to be carried out before the reconstruction efforts could begin. This process was expected to take 4 to 7 months, but was finished in just one month. Also, out of about 4600 displaced employees, 1500 have already returned to their old office spaces.

The speed, resiliency, and efficiency with which this project has been carried out is a reminder of the determination that our nation has, the determination that was first seen on the United and American flights, and continues to be seen in the efforts of these workers.

Mr. Speaker, before September 11, these workers were working about 5 days per week to renovate the Pentagon, but after the attack, they have put aside their own fears and returned for even longer work days. A lot of these workers lost their loved ones in these terror attacks, yet they have endured through their personal grief to offer some solace to the rest of the nation.

This reconstruction effort is more than just the rebuilding of the old Pentagon building. Additional security concerns are being addressed including updated ventilation system to guard against nuclear, biological or chemical attacks. The work continues around the clock. This is a testament to the selfless dedication that these unsung heroes have shown for the past six months.

Mr. Speaker, the workers involved with the Phoenix Project have aptly adopted the words once uttered by Todd Beamer as their motto. The sign reading "Let's Roll" now sits above the digital clock constantly reminding them and all of us of all the challenges that lie ahead and all the challenges that we have already overcome. I would like to assure everyone involved with this renovation project that we are behind them every step of the way in this monumental task that they have taken on with such grace.

A TRIBUTE TO DENISE NELSON
NASH, 27TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—
2002

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's most notable women during the month of March and it is my honor to not only recognize women of the past

but to also recognize women who are making a difference in my community. While a month of remembrance is certainly not sufficient, I am honored today to pay homage to such women as Eleanor Roosevelt, Sandra Day O'Connor, Harriet Tubman, Sally Ride and all the women of my Congressional District, whose contributions have made a profound difference in the face and fabric of our nation.

I stand today, to recognize an outstanding woman of California's 27th Congressional District, Ms. Denise Nelson Nash. Ms. Nash's passion for community and especially the arts has made the City of Pasadena and surrounding areas, a more rich and vital environment in which to live.

Ms. Nash is a graduate of Scripps College and earned her Masters of Fine Arts from the University of Michigan. She began her professional career as a professor and has since taught at Delta College, Illinois Wesleyan University, and Borough Manhattan Community College. Noted for her passion and ability as a teacher, she was invited to be director of the contemporary dance program at the Instituto de Danza in Caracas, Venezuela.

A strong advocate of the arts and especially arts education, Ms. Nash was the director of the Plaza de la Raza School of Performing and Visual Arts in East Los Angeles and in 1985 founded Bottom Line Dance Collective, a nonprofit organization providing creative opportunities for young people throughout the Los Angeles area.

For six years, Denise served as the Director of the Arts for the City of Pasadena. In this capacity she provided leadership for the Public Art Program, arts education programs in the city's schools, community arts programs, and special projects including the Pasadena Emmy Celebration and HBO Pictures Production "The Tuskegee Airmen." Currently, Denise serves as the Director of the Office of Public Events for the California Institute of Technology (Caltech).

Throughout her career, Denise has focused on using her position to enhance opportunities for others. As an advocate of the arts and community events, she has opened a realm of possibilities to young and old alike and has created an environment in which art is appreciated, respected and loved.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an outstanding and extraordinary woman of California's 27th Congressional District, Ms. Denise Nelson Nash. The entire community joins me in thanking Denise for her continued efforts to make the 27th Congressional District a more vibrant and enjoyable place to live.

AIRMAN CUNNINGHAM

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to pararescueman Jason Cunningham—one of America and New Mexico's true heroes.

Jason was one of our six brave soldiers killed during a shoot-out in the mountainous Gardez area of Afghanistan on Monday, March 4th. Jason participated in the insertion of Special Forces in the area when the heli-

copter he was a passenger in was brought down by machine-gun fire and a rocket propelled grenade. Jason and his six crewmembers were trying to rescue a Navy SEAL who had fallen out of the helicopter.

Jason grew up in New Mexico, spending most of his childhood in the southern part of the state, but he attended high school in Farmington and his parents currently reside in my district in Gallup, New Mexico.

Following graduation, Jason joined the Navy, finished his four years, and re-entered the armed forces, this time joining the Air Force and attending Pararescue School, from which he graduated in June of 2001.

It was in February of this year that Jason was sent to Afghanistan to join the front lines in the war against terror and left behind his loved ones for the call of duty.

Last week, Jason received a deserved heroes burial in Arlington National Cemetery where he took his place among the men and women who have, like Jason, courageously answered their country's call.

Douglas MacArthur once said, "the soldier above all people, prays for peace for he or she must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." However, I am sure that Jason's family, and the families of the other brave men and women who have died in service to their country also deeply feel the scars of war. Let us keep all the families with sons and daughters on the front lines in the war against terror in our thoughts and prayers.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN FLORES

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize and congratulate Susan Flores on her 33 years of exceptional service to the City of Los Angeles. She has made significant contributions to the City government throughout her career, and I wish her the best in her retirement.

Ms. Flores entered her public service career in 1968 with the Concentrated Employment Program, where she directed the delivery of intense education, training and employment services to disadvantaged youth and adults in East Los Angeles.

Her dedication and hard work then led her to work with the City of Los Angeles' Community Development Department, where she was directly involved with planning and implementing programs funded through federal grants from the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Health and Human Services. From 1982 to 1989, while serving as the Director of Human Services and Neighborhood Development Division, Ms. Flores ably administered the City Human Services Delivery System that provided services to the City's neediest residents. Her work addressed a variety of needs, such as childcare, legal aid, food and nutrition, homelessness and AIDS.

From 1989 to 1999, Ms. Flores was Director of the Department's Workforce Development Division, which had one hundred full-time staff and a \$130 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to carry out the Job Training Partnership Act, Welfare-to-Work, and the

Summer Youth Employment Training Programs.

Since 1999, Susan Flores has served as the Assistant General Manager of the Community Development Department of the City of Los Angeles. She has been responsible for managing the City's federal grants that fund the Human Service, Economic Development and Workforce Development Programs. Through her work, she has been able to serve all the resident of Los Angeles by helping neighborhoods, businesses, families, adults, youth, job seekers and those in need.

I am sure that Ms. Flores is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, John, and their family. I would like to thank her for her service to the residents of the City of Los Angeles, and wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

2002 GUAM SOCIAL WORK MONTH

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on the island of Guam, the month of March is designated as "Social Work Month." For over twenty-two years, the Guam Association of Social Workers (GASW) has sponsored training conferences for human service workers of the region. This year's theme, "Collaboration: Meeting our Social Challenges through Partnerships," gives participants the opportunity to acquire and share knowledge and skills in collaborative efforts. It has been recognized that current social problems could be overcome only through partnerships and cooperation between the government, private nonprofit organizations, community groups and the business community.

The highlight of "Social Work Month" is an awards dinner where awards for Community Service and the Social Worker of the Year was presented. This year's Community Service Award was presented to the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA). The University of Guam's Dr. Gerhard J. Schwab was chosen to receive the prestigious Social Worker of the Year Award.

The Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority administers grants and programs involving community planning and development, housing services, fair housing and equal opportunity. This agency has been instrumental in the revitalization of neighborhoods, the management and distribution of affordable housing, the expansion of economic opportunities, and the improvement of community facilities and services as well as emergency homeless shelters. Their programs and projects assist homeless people, the youth, the elderly as well as low and moderate income families. GHURA's efforts definitely complements this year's theme.

Dr. Schwab initially entered the field of social work in his native Austria working under the auspices of Caritas, an international Catholic Social services organization. His involvement with this group brought him, at one time, to the highlands of Papua, New Guinea where he worked with gang leaders and

helped to create diversion programs for children confined in adult prisons. He commenced work on Guam in 1987, under the auspices of the Catholic Church as the Director of Youth Ministry. In 1998, the University of Michigan conferred upon him a joint Ph.D. in Social Work and Psychology. His doctoral dissertation was entitled, "Ethnicities and Masculinities in the Making: A Challenge for Social Work in Guam." For the past three years, Dr. Schwab has chaired the Division of Social Work within the University of Guam's College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Through the years, he has made numerous contributions to the university, the social work community and the island of Guam.

Also deserving recognition are "Project Beacon" of the Pacific Daily News, a project spearheaded by Guam's daily newspaper working towards addressing the local problem of teen suicide, and "Stand," a local welfare advocacy group—which were nominated this year for the Community Service Award. Jesse Sablan Catahay, Lisa Natividad, Yvonne Paulino and Patricia Stracener also deserve commendation for their contributions which earned them nominations for the Social Worker of the Year Awards.

It is worthy to note that this year marks the end of an era which signals a new beginning. The GASW has decided to dissolve and transfer its assets to the Guam Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Having been instrumental in bringing the NASW to Guam, the activities and ideals promoted by GASW over the years will continue to be fostered and preserved. This merger allows the Guam community access to the resources of the national association as well as a voice in the formulation of NASW approaches to national social policies. I am sure that the people of Guam will reap the benefits in the years to come.

Once again, I congratulate this year's awardees, nominees, the Guam Association of Social Workers (GASW), and the Guam Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). The people of Guam appreciate their good work.

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It is a special honor for me to recognize Ms. Mary Alice O'Connor for her outstanding contributions to California's 27th Congressional District. Mary Alice has generously contributed over 50 years of volunteer service to the Southern California community and residents of Burbank, California are especially appreciate of her efforts on behalf of the community.

Mary Alice has lived in Burbank for 58 years, moving from Berkeley in 1944. She and her husband Ken raised two children, John and Joan Patricia. Mary Alice is the proud grandmother of three granddaughters, Christy, Kendall, and Paige.

Mary Alice has always been a strong supporter of the community. Ever since World War II when Mary Alice and a number of volunteers wrapped Christmas presents for American troops, she has dedicated herself to improving the lives of others. Since then she has been involved with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, has served on the Board of Directors of the Burbank Health Care Foundation, and she currently serves as the Fundraising Committee Chairman for the Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center Capital Campaign.

Mary Alice is most noted for her dedication to the community's students and especially ensuring that all students are exposed to the arts. Over the years, she has served on numerous PTA boards and served as an elected official on the Burbank Board of Education. In promoting arts education Mary Alice worked hard to reopen the Starlight Bowl for a summer music series and she served as the first chairman of The Children's Open House at the Bowl, which introduced thousands of children each year to the joys of music, dance, poetry and theater at the Hollywood Bowl.

For her efforts, Mary Alice has been received The National Volunteer Center Beautiful Activist Award and in 1998 received the Older American Recognition Award. In 1999 the Kiwanis Club of Burbank honored her at their Annual Gala.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an outstanding and extraordinary woman of California's 27th Congressional District, Ms. Mary Alice O'Connor. The entire community joins me in thanking Mary Alice for her continued efforts to make the 27th Congressional District a community committed to our children.

FURTHER EXPLANATION OF RESERVE FUND FOR MEDICARE MODERNIZATION AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

HON. JIM NUSSLE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. NUSSLE. The Fiscal Year 2003 Budget Resolution Section-By-Section Report language (Report 107-376) which further explains Section 202(b) of H. Con. Res. 353 (i.e., the application of the reserve fund for Medicare modernization and prescription drugs) is meant only as an illustrative example.